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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

**MAIL STOP RCE**  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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| Application Number   | 09/319,384  |
| Confirmation Number  | 2943  |
| Filing Date          | June 4, 1999  |
| First Named Inventor | Takashi ECHIGO  |
| Group Art Unit       | 1651  |
| Examiner Name        | Francisco Chandler Prats  |
| Matter Number        | Q54629  |
| Title                | COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR TREATING<br>A POROUS ARTICLE AND USE THEREOF |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Please enter and consider the amendments/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv.  Petition for Extension of Time
  - v.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q54629

Takashi ECHIGO, et al.

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Filed: June 4, 1999

Examiner: Francisco Chandler Prats

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in further response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated February 17, 2004.

A Notice of Appeal was filed January 28, 2004, making this submission due on May 28, 2004, with a Petition for Extension of Time for two months, which is being filed herewith.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: